Proposal for Wage Revision in Super Bazar

1394. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revise wages of employees of Super Bazar in the context of current dearness index;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a high powered committee has been set up by the General Manager to review the demands submitted by the employees;

(d) if so, the main features of the recommendations of the committee; and

(e) the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the General Manager in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) and (b) It has been reported by the Super Bazar that its Managing Committee has recently constituted a sub-Committee to consider charter of demands submitted by Super Bazar Employees Union. The matter relating to revision of wage structure has been raised before the said sub-Committee at its first meeting.

(c) The General Manager has not set up any other Committee in this regard.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Reassessment of Export Target

1395. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a reassessment of export target touching $ 75 billion by the year 2000;

(b) what are the major bottlenecks that have been identified as hampering the export growth; and

(c) what steps are being taken to overcome the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Exports are projected to reach $ 75 billion by the end of this century. Trade reforms are a continuous process and various measures are taken in consultation with trade, industry and other concerned institutions to promote exports on a sustained basis. Trade has been made free, except for a negative list of imports and exports. These lists are also being continuously reviewd. Procedures are being simplified and further streamlined. Improvement in quality and technology upgradation are being given priority. Exporters are encouraged to upgrade the quality standards of their products. Consequent upon various measures taken, exports have registered significant growth in recent years. Exports have registered a significant growth of 20% during 1993-94, 18.4% during 1994-95, and 24.5% in US dollar terms during April-October, 1995 the latest period for which trade data are available, in the current year. Emphasis is being laid on development of infrastructure and active involvement of State Governments.

Number of People Registered in the Employment Exchanges

1396. SHRI RAHAS BIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who registered their names in various employment exchanges of the country at the beginning of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of people who are provided with employment so far;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide employment to all the registered persons; and

(d) the projection made, if any during